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00V-247 (01)

Subject: Information Report, FL-269

In accordance with Title 49, Part 573, Freightliner LLC herewith submits an information report for a new recall campaign to recall Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation RV products for a defect in the front axle brake system.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Rossow

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA

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## Section 573.5 Defect Information Report

Date: August 23, 2000

(c) (1) **Manufacturer:** FREIGHTLINER LLC  
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(c) (2) **Vehicles Identification:**

(i) **Model(s) affected:** Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation RV chassis models XC, XCA and VCL.

**Manufacture Dates:** January 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000

**Basis for determining population:** The first and last defective vehicles built

(iv) **Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:** N/A

(c) (3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** 524

(c) (4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 100%

(c) (5) **Description of the defect:** Interference may occur between the steer axle slack adjusters and the axle knuckle post during a full wheel cut with the brakes applied.

(c) (6) **Chronology of principal events (defect only):** In June 2000, an interference between the front axle slack adjuster and knuckle post was found during a vehicle inspection at the Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation assembly plant.

An investigation began that lead to the determination of a systematic interference and decision to recall.

(c) (7) **Noncompliance test data:** N/A

(c) (8)(i) **Remedial program:** Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs.

(ii) **Estimated Owner Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately October 5, 2000.

**Remedy:** Replace the slack adjusters with one that will provide clearance.

(c) (9) **Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c) (10) **Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c) (11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-269